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EDITORIAL NOTES.

- ** Every Allianceman in Wake county, whether a delegate or not. Thursday, the 23d, at Raleigh.
- ** Some strange things are bappening in Raleigh along now. There are dark conspiracies coming to light which will clearly show the attitude of "the party" to the Alliance.
- want a railroad from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canada line, and are petition million dollars to construct it.
- headed, "A Gigantic Insurance Monopoly," shows how even in New York combines.
- *** Now is the time to work for subscribers. We want to get twice as few months. You will be doing your to become a subscriber.
- ** Do not lay this paper down without reading the article entitled "Let there be light." Light is what we all need. We cannot live without it. It is an irresistible power in itself, and should be hailed with delight by all men than Cleveland in North Carolina honest men.
- ** If we are to have the State Banks of issue and the State is to be sponsor for the banks, why should the State be more liberal than the Nation and stand for one hundred cents in the dollar whereas the Nation only stood for ninety cents on the dollar?
- ** It is gratifying to see that both Senators, Vance and Ransom, voted against taking up the bill to repeal the Sherman act. The passage of this bill would stop the issue of \$4,500,000 per month, which is now put in circulation by the purchase of silver bullion.
- ** At this distance we can't tell which side is to blame, but there is a bad state of affairs in the Kansas legis labors. Both sides are trying to hold the fort and the State capital is in charge of the militia. Probably the reports of strife are greatly exagger-
- A member of the Committee, in puires what has become of the Polk Menorial Resolutions adopted by the We e County Alliance and ordered to oublished in THE PROGRESSIVE trol it, it is a curse and shall not exist. FAREER. As they have not reached These are the men who are seeking the that office we can not give the informa on. Who can?
- laurin at a member of the House who expressed surprise when the bill to re-All ace Business Agency was introduc 1. This bill may yet prove a surprise to some other people.
- harter is to be repealed and the the Senate without engrossment. ed members are to be lopped off.

that we did not prophesy falsely.

- election frauds in his State: "There ought to be a reform in our State elec \$ 1.25 tions, and unless the State takes steps stating that excuse, and referring the 5.00 to stop corruption at the polls a condition of affairs will be produced to which the rebellion will not be a circumstance." Who can truthfully say this does not apply to our State with even allowed a hearing. all its force.
 - ** The Richmond County Alliance has adopted a wise plan. It has elected a brother to canvass the county as lecturer, organizer and solicitor of subscriptions for Alliance literature. If every County Alliance would do this and be sure they get the right man, one who would have the good of the Order at heart and not expect to ride into office on the back of the Alliance, there is hardly any estimating the good that could and would be done in the year 1893
- ** Several good men who voted the Democratic ticket in the late election have called on us since last Wednesday, and they condemn in unqualified Do you want your communication | terms the action taken, and the manner of its taking, in the House on that day. "Outrageous!" "Tyrannical!" "Damnable!" Contemptible!" and many other strong expressions of disaction are freely expressed. Still the News and Observer says, "There is good politics in that."
- ** When the Wall street banker gets into a close place he calls on the The date on your label tells you | United States Treasurer, and heavy deposits of the people's money are made | rassment at this time, though it would at once and the banks are asked not only be temporary. The main cause even to say "thank you sir, Mr. Treas- for this attempt is that the enemies of urer." But when the Treasurer of the United States gets a letter to near a covering from the efforts to break it point of need and calls on Wall street. the reply is: "Give us interest bearing is doing better and better every week. should be at the county meeting on bonds, Mr. Treasurer, or you need not squint your eye at our gold Business | House in a registers manner and is yet is business you know."
- .*. If we must have State banks of issue, and the State, in order to make at this time, President Butler, Major their issue secure, must give her pledge Graham, Bro. Mewborne, of the Execu to their redemption Why not re tive Committee, and s me of the real ** The Allian semen of Dallas, Texas, member the people, who pay the in- members of the Alliance in both Houses terest on these bonds, when the con tract is made, and so frame it as to ing Congress for twenty one and a half stop the interest on the bonds while in the bands of the State Treasurer as passed, it will temporarily injure the ** The article in another column bank collateral? If the State must go into the business, and become the re sponsible party in the firm, is it un City they are beginning to realize what reasonable to ask that the State be it is to have to sabmit to trusts and allowed to share in the profits of the been loth to believe that the Demo-
- ** Judge Gresham wrote a letter to Hon. Bluford Wilson, Oct 27th, 1892. many readers as we have in the next in which we find the following neighbor a kindness by inducing him exercise the right of individual judgment and vote according to my convic tions. How I shall vote in the future issue." And President Cleveland thinks him good enough to occupy the first place in his Cabinet, while lesser have hurled all kinds of anathemas at us for expressing the same sentiments and daring to act them out.

A COWARDLY ATTACK ON THE ALLIANCE.

There never has been, and never wil be, a better-managed fund raised for any object in North Carolina than the State Alliance Business Agency Fund has been, nor one that has remained intact and accomplished a greater amount of good to the amount of the fund. With this fund standing behind the State Business Agent, he has been able to contract for goods of all kinds and purchase for the Alliancemen in bulk, at a saving of many times the whole amount of the fund in the past three years. This can be easily shown, slaves to party, and who have not been able to compel the Alliance to allow officers, and who have failed in their efforts to use the Alliance as a partisan donkey upon which to ride into office, have concluded that if they cannot con Some of the newspaper corre to repeal the law incorporating the men who, by permission, just at the moment for adjournment on last Wedthe law incorporating the State nesday, introduced the bill when sevhall, put it immediately upon its several readings and by choking off debate The first item on the editorial by means of the previous question, bi o re organize the Alliance has minutes after it was read it had passed

The Democratic party has assumed the only losers. The is good politics in that." The the responsibility of this act of tyranny, last sentence in this paragraph dis- this act which will be remembered by closes the milk in the cocoanut. We every true Allianceman. We dare say you do send at once. We have waited have freque the warned our brethren there is not another corporation in long enough.

that efforts were being made to destroy | North Carolina of any kind that there the Alliance or put partisan Democrats | does not exist as just an excuse for its into all its offices. Now they will see destruction as for this. And we care say that no other charter was ever ** Judge Gresham said, referring to taken up and destroyed as mercilessly. We dare say there never was a charter matter to a committee and allowing a hearing. Still this was rushed to its final reading upon a previous question rule and a member of the body not

The Alliance is not a political party It has never been, nor saught to be a political party; but has fought every attempt to make it a political party. The Alliance has striven to educate men to think and to act upon principles, and not on prejudices; to seek and to find the truth and to follow it, and to exercise the right of individual judgment and vote according to their own convic tions. This has not suited certain partisan politicians who went into the Order to further their partisan ends, and who, having failed, have adopted this means of accomplishing the de struction of the Order. What do you think of it, brethren?

THE STRIKE AT LIBERTY.

An another column will be found editorials relating to the attempt to repeal the act incorporating the State gust and contempt for such cowardly Alliance Business Agency. These were written on Friday. The matter has been postponed until Tuesday (the day we go to press.)

It is needless to say that if the legislature carries out their scheme, i would cause much trouble and embarthe Alliance see that the Order is re up, and that the State Business Agency

The bill was rushed through the before the Senate.

Owing to the crouble it would cause have been actively at work, aided by

attorneys It is a losing game for both sides. I Alliance. On the other hand, if passed, it will forever injure the Democratic party, it being in majority in both Houses. Many of our farmers have cratic party is unfriendly to the welfare of the farmers in an organized capacity. If this act is passed, all doubt will be removed. It will be "Whatever others may do, I shall looked upon as a cowardly and unwarranted interference with a legitimate business. It will arouse the "spirit of of 1776." It will cause the farmers as will depend upon the questions at a body to realize what we have been telling them, that the politicians of North Carolina are their enemies. It will make the Alliance stronger than it has ever been in this State, in fact everywhere. Owing to this fact, the leaders of the organization are disposed to look upon the matter more complacently. They will do to wait, others objected. The chairtheir best to avoid the clash, but if it must come, there will be much good | voted to wait until Tuesday afternoon among so much evil. The Business at 3:30. Agency will not be stopped. It will do five times as much business in the future. There is no general desire to get the funds returned. Most of the money was contributed by the Allithe funds returned. There are a few kickers, of course. For instance, J. S. Bell and others, who never contributed

anything. We simply say that this is the blackest conspiracy ever witnessed in North Carolina If there are enough clear them the privilege of selecting its Carolina will get an eye opener that will result in everlasting good to the State. The members in the House who rushed the bill through inside of ten they calmly consider the matter.

disruption of the Order. These are the to have overlooked The Business men who have secretly prepared a bill Agency fund was contributed volun tarily by members of the Alliance, for lents are showing a disposition to Business Agency Fund. These are the the benefit of the organization with chant, factory, farmer, blacksmith or the special stipulation that it was not to be returned unless the Alliance ceased to exist, but was to be a perpet eral members were absent from the ual fund for the purposes stated. than one third of the Sub Alliances and about one-fourth of the individof the News and Observer last when an Alliance member was on his ual membership. Hence to repeal the The sday morning was, "And so the feet asking to be heard, in ten charter, is to repeal the charter of twothirds of the Alliances, and they had ps. d the House of Representatives, all its readings and was ordered sent to nothing to do with making it up. Re peal it if you will, but we will not be by outsiders?

Do you owe this paper anything? If

HOUSE BILL 1003.

An Act intended to break down the Alliance and build up the People's Party. destroyed without excuse; without Strange that the Democrats in the Legislature would pass a bill the only natural result of which would be the upbuilding of a powerful party.

> We enter our protest against break ing up our organization for party pur-

BEFORE THE SENATE COM-MITTEE.

Saturday evening the attorneys and several Alliancemen appeared be fore the Senate committee. Mr. Fuller asked that the committee adjourn till next week. He said it was a matter of great impor tance, affecting a great many people. He said he had just arrived in the city and had no time to investigate the proposed bills, charters or amendments. He made the point that many people are affected who were not contributors. Many contracts have already been made and it would occasion no little embarrassment. He said further that the bill had been rushed through the House on all its readings a few minutes after being introduced and the mem bers of the Alliance had no notice of the purpose to pass it. He further stated that he could, if given a few days time, produce a decision of the Supreme Court bearing directly upon

The chairman stated in answer, that he couldn't see that we (the committee) | \$625,728.50, or \$10,068.50 more than will have time to listen to the case next double the present income to the

Chairman asked in what particular the counsel wanted to present the case. Mr. Fuller stated that he proposed to argue that there could be no personal responsibility on the part of con tributors for debts. Also that the passage of the bill would work terrible damage to the Democratic party; that it would be impolitic to pass the bill Chairman stated that the committee would take his word.

Mr. Fuller stated that if the commit tee thought there was any purpose to delay matters on any ground except those just mentioned, they could pro

Mr. Peele stated that he had been unwell, and Mr. Montgomery had but little time to prepare a defense, and that this was the most important bill that had been before the legislature that the bill affects more people than any that will come before the legisla ture, and asked that the committee give until Tuesday at least.

Mr. Barnes stated that every effort had been made to get the officials of the Alliance together and not enough time had been given.

Mr. Montgomery, one of the couns 1 stated that the bill was bad politics that it would ruin the Democratic party, and he asked the committee to give mere time for preparing a de fense. Some of the committee wanted man put the question and a majority

A PARTY Q ESTION.

The bill to repeal the charter of the State Alliance which was rushed through the House on its several readancemen who mean business. They ings inside of ten minutes (something are true members yet and don't want never heard of before in connection with an important bill) if finally passed. will be by a party vote. Every Republican in the House except one or two voted against the repeal. Every People's party member voted against the repeal. Only four or five Demo. crats voted against it. As the Senate and yet demagogues who are perfect heads in the Senate, it will be killed; if is overwhelmingly Democratic, there not, then we will have the satisfaction is no chance for the Democrats to deny of knowing that the people of North that it was passed as a party measure. The idea of rechartering a concern

that has not asked for it, and that is satisfied with the present charter, does not need or want a new one! The idea minutes doubtless will regret it when of the legislature dictating the officers! The idea of interfering with an organ-There is one point the members seem | ization that is taking care of itself ! Just as well repeal the charter of any other corporation in the State. Just as well appoint a receiver for any merany other person who is conducting its business properly. The State Business Agency has never lost a cent. It is not likely to. Not a cent of the fund Again, the fund was made up by less has been misplaced. Its managers are honest, capable and under sufficient bonds. The men who contributed the fund are satisfied It is men who have been members of the Alli once, but who are not now members that are raising a row. Shall the legislature be guided

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A NICE SCHEME FOR THE BOND-HOLDERS.

In reading over Senator Sherrill's bank bill we find it provides that State bonds may be used under it as a basis for banking, and that circulating notes may be issued to the full par value of such bonds deposited in the State Treasury. The question naturally arises, what is the amount of bonds that can be so used? Referring to the message of Gov. Holt to the present General Assembly, we find there are of 6 per cent.

bonds.....\$2,720,000 4 per ct. bonds................ 3,298 950 To the 4 pr cts. may be added 316,820

Making a total of 6 335,770 One year's interest on these bonds, which the people pay out of their taxes, amounts

307.830The first years's interest if at 6 pr et, and taken in ad

vance, would be It is not unreasonable to sup pose that with the addition of this amount to our circulating medium the amount which would be realized, from loans on call, or short time, at a good per cent, that would be worked out of deposits, commissions on collections, etc., would give over and above expenses, 8 pr ct. more.....

Total profit 1 y'r banking .. \$1,251,457 Now suppose the stockholders in these banks should declare a dividend, at the end of the first year, of just one half of the net profits. They would have, to divide among them-

539,216

Whereas the bonds y'ld now. 307 830 00

An increase of more than

And leaving an undivided profit of bondholders, to be added to their capital. At this rate the bonds, if properly managed, after dividing one half the net profits at the end of each adding the other half of the net income to the capital stock, would in five years, more than double their original capital Can any one deny that this is a fair statement? And cannot any man see that it would be but a very few years before these banks would have every farmer and wealth-producer of every kind com-

pletely under their thumb, producing wealth, but simply to pour into the coffers of these bondholders. The same result was prophesied to follow the national bank laws, and the millionaires and tramps that now menace this government are but the legitimate offspring of such legislation. Democratic speakers, especially in North Carolina, have boldly denounced the national banking law. Now will they adopt it as a child of the State?

Now one other question: Who holds these bonds? Are they not, a majority of them, held by Wall street bankers And would not these Wall street bankers hold on to them and through their agents do our banking and carry all the profits of the business to Wall

WASIT JUSTIFIABLE?

street. Think on these things.

A very pretty story of the "Blue and Gray" is related about the meeting of two soldiers at the unveiling of Jackson's monument at Lexington, Va., on the 21st of July, 1891.

Many soldiers who had worn the blue were there. One of them began a story in the midst of a group of veterans of both armies. Said he: "I was down the valley here fighting against old Early, and when we got in striking distance of my sweetheartshe's my wife now-I determined to go to see her. Her home was outside our lines and inside those of the Confederate army, but that made no difference, I was bound to see her. Luck was against me. I was caught and carried into the Confederate headquarters. I was tried and condemned as a spy and sentenced to be shot. They confined me in an old smoke-house overnight. The first guard stayed out his time. the second came on and finally the third. He was inclined to be sociable. We talked through the chinks in the wall and I convinced him that I was no epy; that I was only inside the lines of the enemy for the purpose of seeing my sweetheart. At last the guard proposed that I run for my life and he would shoot over my head. I eagerly accepted the offer and was soon in my own camp."

The next moment one of the eager listeners stepped forward. "I was the guard that let yet you escape."

Then two men fell on each other's necks and wept. Their feelings can better be imagined than described.

"I have been advertising for you ever since the war," said the ex Union veteran. "I wanted to see you and pay you both in thanks and money for saving my life." "I want no money," said the Confederate veteran. "All I want is for you to help us hurrah for Jackson to day, and then go home with me and see my family."

The Confederate guard allowed the condemned man to escape. No true soldier would applaud that act, but wasn't it justifiable?

ATTEND YOUR MEETINGS.

If any of your fellow-members are careless about attending your Sub-Alliance meetings, that is no reason why you should be so. Do your duty. Get up subjects for discussion that will interest and benefit all present, whether they take any part or not, Alliance education and agitation is doing much to shape public policy. If a majority of members will do their duty the grand principles will eventually triumph.

RARE DEVELOPMENTS, WITH A MORAL

If President Harrison can afford to appoint Julge Jackson, a Democrat. 404,411 to a position on the Supreme Court bench, as he has done; if Presidentelect Cleveland can afford to appoint Judge Walter Q. Greshman Secretary of State, which is the first place in his Cabinet, as he has done; and if T R. Jernigan, editor and proprietor of the State Chronicle, which claims to be the organ of the Democratic party, can associate with himself on the editorial staff of that paper, Mr. J. C. Logan Harris, one of the most pronounced Republicans in the State, which he has done, then why in the name of common sense should our farmers and Alliancemen allow themselves longer to quarrel over and divide on petty partisan questions? The curtain is rising, the people will soon see what is going on behind the scenes.

OUR ENEMIES SPREAD THE NEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17, '93 Managing Editor Progressive Farmer Wire at once an explanation of the bill repealing the charter of the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance for benefit of stockholders in the State Business year between the stockholders-and Agency. The associated press charges that the funds of the Agency are about to be used for the benefit of the Peo-THE VOICE. ple's party

> OUR REPLY. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 17, '93.

The Voice, New York. The bill repealing the charter passed the House and is now before the Sen ate. The charges that the agency funds are about to be used for the Peo ple's party is wholly untrue and absurd. Such use would be impossible.

The trustees of the fund and the State Business Agent are bonded officers with duties clearly prescribed, and they are carefully guarded by the State Alliance Executive Committee, two thirds of whom are Democrats. At their meeting on Feb 10th they placed the following on record of their pro-

"In regard to the Business Agency Fund, it remains intact, and has not been perverted as has been charged by the enemy of the Order; not even has the State Business Agent been called upon to use any of it to pay overdrafts, or deficiencies which was thought might occur in the regular order of business when the Agency was established. In a meeting of the Executive Committee to day, upon examination of the books of the Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent, we find them all correct, and the charges that any of the funds of the Alliance had been used for political purposes are utterly false. Also we wish to warn you against the many other charges and publications being made about the Alliance. The organization has no connection whatever with the many wild schemes that are being charged against it."

These proceedings, kept by the Secretary, are signed by every member of the committee and the President of the Alliance.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. J. W. DENMARK, Bus. Mg'r.

CAN FURNISH

Mr. Editor:-I will reply to Mr. V W. Brown's request of the 7th from Coffee county, Kansas. I can furnish him all the yupon that he wants. Yupon is the proper name. Yours truly,

CHAS. KEARNER. TOM WATSON ON CHURCHES AND GUNS.

We are now constructing the most expensive churches that the world has known since the pagan religion was superceded by the "meek and lowly Jesus." They are building one in New York which is to cost \$10,000,000. Suppose Christ should come again and should wear what he wore before, a linen gown, a pair of wooden sandels on his feet, no socks, and no hat-do you suppose the minister in that ten

million dollar church would be glad to

see Jesus come in? He would be just as happy as the money changers were in the temple. The finer our churches are the bigger Mr. Krupp makes his cannon. This may seem queer but it is so. He now constructs them so large that it requires several tons of powder to load them. The ball is almost as heavy as a park of artillery used to be. Wherever it hits there is trouble. We are strange folks. We constantly build more churches and school houses and we constantly want more guns. The more we embrace the doctrine that we must love our neighbors as ourselves, the more thoroughly we prepare to bore a hole through him with a winchester. The more we theorize on returning good for evil, the more we practice trying to get the drop on the

other follow -Exchange.